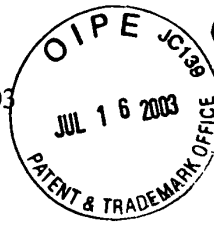


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In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated June 16, 2003, Applicants in the above-identified patent application elect Group II, Claims 34-40, drawn to a device.

However, if the present Restriction Requirement is not withdrawn, examination on the merits of the Claims of Group II is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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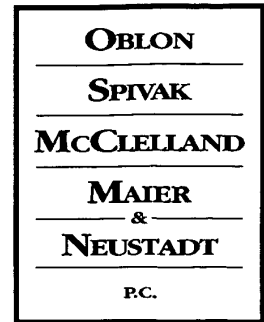


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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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